

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CAPTAIN JAMES H. PATTON, JR.

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of United States Naval Captain James H. Patton, Jr. Captain Patton passed away last year on September 27, 2021, at his home in North Stonington, Connecticut. I have had the distinct pleasure of connecting with Captain Patton over the years and can personally attest to his distinguished character, major contributions to policy conversations on our nation's submarine force, and participation and care for his local community.

Born on January 6, 1939, to James H. Sr. and Suzanne Patton in Norwood, Massachusetts, James had the spirit of a New Englander through and through. Due to his shrewd and strong character, it was no surprise that James went on to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, where he graduated in 1960. Upon graduation, James immediately set sail on his military career, dedicating the next 25 years of his life toward faithful leadership within our nation's Navy. It was during these years that he became an incredible bank of knowledge with respect to our nation's submarine force, serving on five nuclear-powered attack submarines, two ballistic-missile submarines, and commanding the USS *Pargo*. By the time of his retirement from the Navy, his merited service had earned him the rank of Captain as well as several accolades, including the Legion of Merit and the National Defense Service Medal.

Captain Patton's dedication to the strength of our nation's Navy was never intended to end with his retirement from the military. Upon his departure in 1985, our region became lucky enough for Captain Patton to discover North Stonington as a place to call his permanent home. As a newfound resident, Captain Patton would go on to leverage his extensive experience with the Navy and found his own advocacy firm, Submarine Tactics & Technology, Inc. It was through this medium and his several published materials that Captain Patton championed advancing the narrative on investing in our "Silent Service," directly contributing to our region's existence as a manufacturing powerhouse as well as the position of naval strength which we continue to benefit from to this day.

As a resident of North Stonington, Captain Patton made sure his outgoing personality also enriched his local community. For instance, he was not only a member of but a valuable contributor to the Naval Submarine League, North Stonington Lions Club and the Education Foundation. Truly, it was always in his nature to lend a helping hand.

Madam Speaker, as the representative of eastern Connecticut, I cannot think of a citizen

more outstanding than Captain James H. Patton, Jr. The quarter of a century dedicated to serving our nation is commendable by itself, but James continued to demonstrate exceptional civic duty even upon his initial retirement. Our entire southeastern Connecticut community continues to mourn his loss to this day. I find gratitude in the fact that his surviving family has stood strong in bearing the standard of his memory, namely, his wife Mary Patton, three children Terry Rhoads, John Patton and James Patton III, sister Mary Cobbett, and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In particular, I have had the opportunity to get to know James III, who has followed the example of his fathers informed idealism to serve overseas to promote peaceful sustainable international development all over the globe. The invaluable contributions of Captain Patton's life and legacy will continue to impact our nation's security and his local community for generations to come. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Captain James Patton, Jr.'s incredible life of service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS JURY DUTY EXCLUSION ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Breastfeeding Mothers Jury Duty Exclusion Act of 2022, which would allow breastfeeding mothers summoned for jury service in federal court or in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to be excused from service for the period they are breastfeeding upon the individual's request. The benefits of breastfeeding are well-documented, and breastfeeding mothers should not be deterred from breastfeeding by jury service.

The District of Columbia Home Rule Act prohibits the D.C. Council from enacting any law relating to title 11 of the D.C. Code. Title 11 governs jury service. Therefore, this bill is necessary to provide this exclusion for both the federal and D.C. courts.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

REMEMBERING DR. JOEL B. WOOD

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Joel B. Wood, who passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at the age of 51.

Joel was born on July 19, 1970, in Wellsboro, PA, a son of the late Sonny and Twilla Wood.

He was a graduate of CV High School in Westfield, PA, and continued his education at Edinboro University receiving his BA in Business and English, and his MA in Counseling Psychology. He worked at Northshore Psychological Associates of Erie, PA where he was a Clinical Psychologist and a loyal advocate for his patients.

Outside of work, he was a history buff, especially for Presidential history. He loved visiting historical sites, museums, cemeteries, presidential gravesites, and maintaining the Packard family graves in Warren, OH. He was an avid flower gardener, a voracious reader, enjoyed listening to music, and had a great love for animals, especially cats.

Joel will be deeply missed by his partner, Charles Ohlin; brothers, Kenneth Lampman II and Dan (Lori) Wood; nieces and nephews, Summer (Jeff) Hunter, who he adored and mentored, Shane (Sarah) Lampman, Danielle (Aaron) Marsh, Morgan and Kyle Mills, and Olivia and Makenzie Lampman; many great-nieces and nephews; and his cats Josie and Simon.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KIMBERLY VAUGHAN FIREARM SAFE STORAGE ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Kimberly Vaughan Firearm Safe Storage Act. This legislation takes important steps to keep our children and our communities safe from unsecured firearms.

On May 18, 2018, Kimberly Vaughan was among eight students and two teachers who were shot and killed at Santa Fe High School in Texas. Thirteen others were wounded. The shooter was a 17-year-old who brought a shotgun and a .38 caliber pistol from his home to commit this heinous crime. Neither weapon was stored securely and placed the lives of all these students in jeopardy.

Sadly, school shootings like the one that occurred in Santa Fe have become horrifyingly familiar. In 80 percent of school shootings involving a shooter under 18 years old, the gun was taken from the home of family or friends. Some of these shootings may have been prevented if the weapons were securely stored and made inaccessible to minors. Unsecured firearms also increase the risk of unintentional shootings and suicide.

On average, eight children are killed every day by improperly stored or misused guns. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that if parents keep firearms in their home, all firearms should be locked, unloaded, and stored separately from ammunition. However, only 3 of 10 adults in households with children report storing all guns unloaded and locked up. It is estimated that 4.6 million

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American children live in a home with at least one unlocked, loaded firearm.

The Kimberly Vaughan Firearm Safe Storage Act encourages responsible firearm storage to make our communities safer. This legislation would require the Department of Justice to establish and publish voluntary best practices for safe firearm storage. It requires a label or notice on most firearms at purchase that says, "Safe Storage Saves Lives" and includes the website where the Department of Justice's best practices can be found. It also requires Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) to have compatible safe storage devices available for purchase for every handgun, rifle, or shotgun that they sell. The bill authorizes \$10 million in grants every year for 10 years to state, local, and tribal governments to distribute safe firearm storage devices. Finally, this legislation incorporates the Prevent Family Fire Act, authored by Congressman MIKE LEVIN, which establishes a 10 percent tax credit to FFLs for safe storage devices sold for up to \$400 to encourage the sale of these devices.

I ask my colleagues to join me in keeping our children safe from unsecured firearms by supporting this important legislation.

CONGRATULATING ELDON HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAMS 1980 TO 1996 INDUCTION INTO MSHOF

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Missouri's Third District Eldon High School Volleyball teams from 1980 to 1996 in my home district for being inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. This accomplishment is not one to be taken lightly and reflects the Eldon community dedication to youth athletics and the sport of volleyball.

Their induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame is a testament to the impact Eldon High School Volleyball has made on high school sports in Missouri. One of the best eras in Missouri high school sports history running from 1980 to 1996 with an astounding 14 district titles in this span of time and eight straight final four berths also winning the Class 3 state title in 1991. Eleven different players received AllState recognition and Coach Ann Gulshen has been inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Famer.

You likely will not find a team more deserving of this tremendous achievement. The impact it has made on high school sports in Missouri cannot go unnoticed.

Madam Speaker please join me in congratulating Eldon High School's Volleyball teams from 1980 to 1996 for being inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF GRAHAM MEDIA GROUP PRESIDENT AND CEO EMILY BARR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize President and Chief Executive Officer Emily L. Barr on the occasion of her retirement from Graham Media Group after a decade of stellar work. Her service to our community is worthy of commendation.

A native of Massachusetts, Mrs. Barr's career has been nothing short of exemplary. She began her career in broadcasting in 1980 as a news editor in St. Paul, Minnesota, before working as a writer and producer at a station in Washington, D.C. Until 1988, Mrs. Barr served as the Director of Creative Services and Advertising and Promotion Manager at KHOU-TV in Houston, Texas. In 1988, she became the Director of Broadcast Operations and Programming at WMAR-TV in Baltimore, Maryland. Later, she led the ABC-owned station in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina as the President and General Manager before she became President and General Manager of ABC 7 Chicago. In 2012, Mrs. Barr joined Graham Media Group, which includes WDIV Detroit, as the President and Chief Executive Officer. Her work propelled Graham Media Group to evolve from a broadcast-based model to seven local media hubs. She led the acquisition of top social media software, and developed Graham Digital, a digital media and technology development group in Detroit. Her fierce dedication to her work has transformed Graham Media Group to represent nearly 7 percent of coverage in the United States.

As a leader in our community, Mrs. Barr's work did not end in the broadcasting space. She has been a leader for women wherever she has been and has supported civic causes throughout her career. At home, she led city-wide efforts to raise funds for the Haitian earthquake relief effort and serves on the Board of Trustees at her alma mater, Carleton College in Minnesota. Mrs. Barr is also the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Broadcaster of the Year Award, the Vincent T. Wasilewski Broadcaster of the Year Award, the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, the Golden Mike Award, and holds an Honorary Doctorate from Robert Morris University. Amongst this, she has been inducted into the Silver Circle of the Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and will be elected to the Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame this Spring. Mrs. Barr currently resides with her husband Scott and two daughters in Chicago.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Emily Barr for her outstanding career. She has led with compassion and integrity, ensuring the success of Graham Media Group and has been an innovative leader in media for over two decades and who truly cares about the Midwest. I join with Mrs. Barr's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

HONORING THE WILTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Wilton Volunteer Fire Department on the 75th anniversary of its founding. This fire department has shown tremendous dedication to protecting and serving the town of Wilton as well as the surrounding municipalities in Saratoga County.

The Wilton Volunteer Fire Department held their first unofficial meeting, comprised of twenty members, on September 17, 1947. The Wilton Town Board then approved a committee of six commissioners, who held their first charter meeting on October 1, 1947. Despite limited funding and resources, Wilton's first group of volunteers overcame these obstacles and soon raised enough funds to purchase their first truck, a 1944 United States Navy vehicle that had been in service in WWII and became known as "713."

In the years that followed, the Department grew and evolved within the community but never lost touch with their history. Today, Truck 713 is still proudly displayed at the main station, though it has been retired from active service. The Department has now expanded its fleet to include a variety of modern vehicles capable of responding to any emergency.

The Department now employs an extremely diverse group of members. Still relying exclusively on volunteers, members range in age from teenage recruits to veteran members, some of whom have been on the job since nearly the beginning. William E. Morgan is the longest serving member in the Department's history with sixty-seven years of firefighting in Wilton under his belt. Mr. Morgan, along with the rest of the Wilton volunteer firefighters, serve their community exceptionally. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize and thank the Wilton Volunteer Fire Department on their 75th anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CSM (RET.) IOAKIMO "NIKO" FALANIKO

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life and service of Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Ioakimo Falaniko from my home district of American Samoa. CSM Falaniko passed away Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at the age of 67.

CSM Falaniko served his country as a combat engineer for over 30 years, entering the Army in 1976 and retiring in December of 2008.

His assignments included: Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Fort Lewis, Washington; as well as several tours in Germany, Korea, and Iraq.

He was the Senior Instructor for the Sapper Leader Course at Fort Leonard Wood, a demanding 28-day training regimen and the premier leadership course for combat engineers. After retiring from military service, he was a consultant and Training Supervisor for the IED Division of Counter Explosive Hazards Center on Fort Leonard Wood.

His awards and decorations include: The Legion of Merit, (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster) Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster); Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Achievement Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters); Good Conduct Medal (10th Award); Army Occupation Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Korea Defense Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (4); Overseas Service Ribbon (4); Army Service Ribbon; Ranger Tab; Sapper Tab; Master Parachutist Badge; Air Assault Badge; Drill Sergeant Badge; French Commando Badge; Canadian Parachutist Badge; and German Bronze Marksmanship Badge. He also was awarded the DeFleury Bronze and Silver Medal of the Army Corps of Engineer.

CSM Falaniko and his family are a Gold Star Family; his son, Jonathan Falaniko, was tragically killed in action of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. CSM Falaniko was buried with his son, at Arlington National Cemetery on April 19, 2022. May these father and son heroes rest in peace.

HONORING JASON BOUDREAUX,
JALEAHA JOSEPH, AND
SHONTENAISHA MANUEL AS 2022
C-SPAN STUDENTCAM COMPETITION WINNERS

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor three constituents of mine who were recently recognized as winners of the C-SPAN StudentCam documentary competition.

Jason Boudreaux, Jaleaha Joseph, and Shontenaisha Manuel, students at College Street Vocational Center in Lake Charles, LA, were chosen as first prize winners in the Central region. The students were tasked with explaining how the federal government impacts their daily lives, and they competed against thousands of other participants across the nation.

Jason, Jaleaha, and Shontenaisha's documentary, "FEMA's Impact on Our Lives in Southwest Louisiana," was powerful and moving. The students highlighted the devastating impacts of Hurricanes Laura and Delta and shared their personal experiences with FEMA as their families sought to recover. Their stories and experiences are those shared by many families across Southwest Louisiana. However, despite the devastation to our community, the students also showcased the strength and resilience of Louisiana's citizenry.

I commend these students for their hard work, determination, and exemplary storytelling abilities.

They crafted a powerful narrative that told the story of Southwest Louisiana and thoughtfully explained FEMA's role in our recovery mission.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Louisiana's 3rd District, I congratulate Jason Boudreaux, Jaleaha Joseph, and Shontenaisha Manuel on their achievements in the C-SPAN StudentCam documentary competition. I thank them for sharing their stories, and I wish each of them great success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY
DIERICH

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mary Dierich on her recent selection as a 2022 Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

AANP Fellows have a direct impact on the communities they serve by engaging with nurse practitioners (NPs) from around the country to lead new initiatives while also supporting the mission of AANP. Additionally, these Fellows play a critical role in the mentorship and development of other NPs. At a time when every level of our health care sector is struggling with recruitment and retention, this cultivation of talented NPs is absolutely essential to our entire health infrastructure.

Mary is a stellar embodiment of what an AANP Fellow should be. A proud holder of multiple degrees from the University of Minnesota, including a PhD from the School of Nursing, Mary was a Clinical Associate Professor at her alma mater for over sixteen years. She has also worked on the frontlines at HealthPartners for the last fourteen years serving as a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner. In the early days of the pandemic, Mary was a critical resource to me and my office as we sought real-time analysis from frontline workers who saw COVID-19 unfold. This was helpful to understand the PPE shortages facing health care professionals and the resources they needed to keep our communities safe. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Mary and her fellow frontline workers for the amazing selflessness they have exhibited over the last two and a half years.

It is no wonder why Mary Dierich has been selected for this prestigious opportunity at AANP. I look forward to AANP's Induction Ceremony which will take place in Orlando, Florida on June 23, 2022. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the achievements of a great nurse practitioner and a beloved member of my family.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
LISA TROLAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the career of Lisa Trolan,

who retired from her work with General Dynamics Electric Boat, on December 23, 2021.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Trolan retires from a long, dedicated career that spans 35 years with Electric Boat. As a senior member of Electric Boat's Public Affairs team, Lisa welcomed thousands of visitors to the company's locations in Connecticut and Rhode Island and helped to highlight the skilled workforce of technological marvels produced by Electric Boat. In doing so, Lisa has acted as a staunch advocate for our community, representing a major employer within the region to attract businesses, suppliers, and employees alike.

A Groton, Connecticut native and a graduate of the University of Connecticut, Lisa has lived out a destiny of nurturing the growth of the very community that raised her. These foundational values trace all the way back to her upbringing under her parents, Julio and Frances, who also served the Town of Groton well through their longstanding, respective roles with Groton Utilities and the Public School system. It is no coincidence that Electric Boat's Connecticut headquarters is in Groton. It is also no surprise that even in retirement, Lisa remains an active supporter of local civic organizations as well as the University of Connecticut.

Madam Speaker, Lisa's legacy with Electric Boat—one of excellence and commitment to its employees, the Navy and the nation—is unrivaled. She has always prioritized giving back to her foundations and has played a direct part in adding oil to the economic engine that is Electric Boat. With his departure, our region and Electric Boat can find comfort in the sound supply chain infrastructure that he directly brought about. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Lisa Trolan on her well-earned retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY OFFICER PROTECTION ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I introduce the Department of the Treasury Officer Protection Act of 2022. This bill would help ensure the safety of Treasury Department police officers by allowing them, including those who work at the Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), to carry their government firearms home.

BEP officers were among the first responders when a gunman opened fire at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2009. However, BEP officers also can be targets because they wear uniforms to and from work. Many BEP officers carry personal firearms to and from work because they are not allowed to take their government firearms home, and some are forced to leave those personal firearms in their cars while they are on duty, creating a possibly dangerous situation.

Allowing BEP officers to carry their government firearms home will put them in the same position as Mint officers. Although both agencies are under the Treasury Department, under Treasury Department rules, Mint officers are allowed to carry their government firearms

home, while BEP officers are not. There is no meaningful distinction between officers for these two agencies. They should be treated equally.

This bill would allow all uniformed officers in the Treasury Department to carry their government firearms home to protect officers and the public and so that the Treasury Department does not have separate rules for different law enforcement agencies under its umbrella.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SECURING PROTECTIONS AGAINST CARBON EMISSIONS (SPACE) TAX ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Securing Protections Against Carbon Emissions (SPACE) Tax Act so that the federal government taxes commercial space travel like it taxes commercial aviation.

For months, the American public has witnessed billionaires and celebrities with enough money to vaccinate entire countries, end homelessness, cure diseases, or feed a nation launch themselves into space to gain notoriety and create a new space tourism industry. These launches are yet another example of the disturbing trend in rising wealth inequality in the United States.

As this nascent industry takes shape, Americans cannot overlook the environmental impact of sending humans into space, particularly when there is no scientific value associated with the launch. While proponents of sub-orbital space flights point to transatlantic flights as having similar carbon footprints, these flights carry significantly more passengers and travel much farther. The result is space launches that account for an estimated 60-times greater emissions than transatlantic flights on a per-passenger basis. That is enough to drive a car around the earth and more than twice the carbon budget recommended in the Paris climate accord.

The SPACE Tax Act addresses these environmental and fairness concerns by establishing a new excise tax regime on commercial space flights that is structured like the excise taxes we all pay for commercial aviation.

The legislation would establish a 10 percent per-passenger tax on the price of a commercial flight to space. It also includes a two-tiered excise tax for each commercial launch carrying humans into space that is based on distance above the Earth's surface.

The SPACE Tax Act makes our tax code fairer, ends the tax holiday on space travel, and is part of the policy prescription to ensure that billionaires are paying their fair share.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE BARRATT

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Joe Barratt.

Throughout his life, Joe's compassion, kindness, and creativity were evident to all who knew him. He had a passion for music and was a talented musician. Joe played cello for Concord High School's orchestra, taught himself how to play guitar, and was a talented songwriter and producer. His other interests included astrology and spending time with his friends in Todos Santos Plaza and Civic Park. An animal lover, Joe also enjoyed helping his mother, Leslie, walk dogs on the weekends. One of their favorite traditions was to stop at IHOP afterwards and Joe would indulge in the red velvet pancakes.

Joe had an extraordinary ability to help others feel accepted and cared for. He was welcoming and warm to kids that needed extra love and kindness. He has been described as a "shepherd amongst the misfit kids at school".

Tragically, Joe was killed in a hit-and-run accident and passed away on February 11, 2020. He is survived by his mother and father, Leslie and Joe Barratt II. He will be remembered for his gentle spirit and outstanding character. Please join me in honoring the life of Joe Barratt.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH MARY KILPATRICK

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Elizabeth Mary Kilpatrick (née O'Connell), originally of Cleveland, who passed away at her home in Prospect Heights, Illinois this week at the age of 82.

Elizabeth was the beloved wife of the late Thomas L. Kilpatrick for 56 years. The loving mother of Kevin (Patricia), Kimberly and Kerry Kilpatrick. Dear grandmother of Molly, Graham, Logan, and Chandler. Beloved daughter of the late Francis and Sue O'Connell. Adored sister of Dennis (late Bonnie) O'Connell, Patricia (William) Smith, Timothy (late Phyllis) O'Connell, and Suzanne O'Connell. Sister-in-law to Daniel (Barbara) Kilpatrick and Joanne (Jim) Mortensen. Loving aunt, cousin, and friend to many.

Liz was a longtime member of the Buffalo Grove Garden Club, an avid shopper, and a serious holiday decorator. She was always proud to celebrate her Irish heritage and her Catholic faith.

Mrs. Kilpatrick was a supporter of mine and was the great aunt to my friend and former staffer, Sean F. Lowe. My deepest condolences go out to Elizabeth's immediate family, the entire Kilpatrick and O'Connell families, and to all whose lives Elizabeth so deeply touched. May her memory be a blessing.

HONORING MICHAEL J. PERRY FOR FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE AT SUNY CANTON

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life of Michael J. Perry, known to his students as "Poppa Mike," for 40 years of diligent service to SUNY Canton.

Mr. Perry joined the SUNY Canton family in 1976 and served the students until his retirement in 2016. From Bookstore Manager to Executive Director of the College Association, Mr. Perry held many roles that established his supportive presence on campus. He was a member of the Canton College Foundation as well as both the Eastern and National Associations of Auxiliary Services. Upon retirement, Mr. Perry served as Town Supervisor for the Town of Hermon from 2020 until 2022. He remained actively involved with SUNY Canton by keeping score at their basketball games and advocating for student success.

Students remember Mr. Perry as a strong advocate for their well-being and a major cultivator of their college experience. Many credit him for inspiring their passion for student leadership. For years, he organized the famous hot air balloon rides on Family Weekend and helped create numerous scholarships and enrollment opportunities. His colleagues will remember him as a unique and quick problem solver that helped their school thrive throughout many pivotal periods.

Mr. Perry is survived by his four children and seven grandchildren, all who will undoubtedly carry on his legacy of service and encouragement. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to honor and remember Michael Perry for his four decades of dedication to the students and communities of the North Country.